

China and Spain.
Czar and Eddie Plank.
Japan Trusts Us.
Colored Lady Our Model.

If the Pope's message to the world was inspired by Germany it means that the Kaiser is ready to stop—and peace is coming.
If the Pope's message answered a desperate appeal from Austria, where revolution and starvation threaten, it means that the Kaiser's allies are ready to break separately—and that there is trouble ahead for him.

But the probability is that the message of the Pope is inspired by his benevolence, and by earnest appeals from the millions in the United States that recognize in him the representative of spiritual power.

If the Pope's peace move is a response to the desire of Americans to have peace, save life, and put an end to the horror of war, it reflects credit upon those that inspired it, and adds to the reverence felt for the Pope. But in that case it means comparatively little in the war game.

"The Czar spirited away."
Quite a change from being "autocrat of all the Russias" to being the humble, mortal slave of some stern-faced Socialist, who says, "Come, Nicholas, pack up your few things; you are going somewhere else."

We are asking Washington insurance agencies, "What will you charge to insure the Czar's life?" If we were in the insurance business we should charge 100 per cent. cash in advance.

"Many shot down in Spain."
Did you ever, when you were a young newspaper reporter, see a fight start in a barroom? Standing down at one end of the bar there is a gentleman with clean cuffs, a clean collar and a most "NEUTRAL" expression. You say to yourself, "He'll keep out of it." In a minute he is rolling on the floor in the sawdust, and really thinks he has a grievance. If the war lasts even Spain will come in, although the King well knows that to get into the war means betting his throne against thirty cents.

Fight is a maelstrom, drawing down everything within reach. If it could drag in that grand peaceful, financial dinosaur called the United States, it will drag in anything.

"Japan doubts of U. S. gone."
How touching—she trusts us. Viscount Ishii of Japan says his nation is convinced that our "heart is all right."

He TRUSTS us! As our tears fall softly we say: "We trust you also, dear Japan, but we feel a little like the colored lady after the earthquake in Charleston."

Having observed that many brick buildings fell down in the earthquake, while wooden buildings stood, she moved from the brick Methodist Church to the wooden Baptist Church.

"Don't you trust the Lord?" asked the Methodist clergyman. "I do," said that lady, "but I don't believe in fooling with Him."

We trust Japan, and our trust is not diminished by the United States construction of war ships and drilling of soldiers.

Eddie Plank, great baseball player, has retired. It is written, in the lingo of the baseball writer, "Veteran southpaw retires at the age of forty-two, after seventeen years as big league star."

A good ball player, a good citizen, BUT—

If Eddie Plank, seventeen years ago, had started some game that develops the mind, instead of starting in a game of body and muscles, his work would be just BEGINNING, and at forty-two he would be in the best part of his mental youth.

Let this console young men who look enviously at baseball scores, or read of big salaries paid to baseball players.

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POPE'S PLEA NOT DURABLE PEACE BASIS, SAYS LANSING

SNOWDEN'S STORIES QUICKLY DISPROVED

ENVOYS TOLD U. S. CANNOT ACCEPT NEW PEACE PLAN

Diplomats Agree, However,
That Much Good May Result
From Pontiff's Message to
the Nations.

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The United States Government does not consider Pope Benedict's suggestions as affording a basis for a durable peace.

Secretary Lansing was asked by the Italian and Brazilian ambassadors and by the Belgian minister what he thought of the Pope's peace offer today during the course of their visits to the State Department, and he replied that while the official text had not yet arrived, and while, of course, he must reserve an official opinion, informally he could say that he did not think the United States could accept the basis outlined by the Pope.

Status Quo Unacceptable.
And when the Secretary finished his brief comment, he asked the visiting diplomats—who called on him separately—what their respective opinions were. The Italian ambassador, while not, of course, speaking by special instruction, nevertheless from his knowledge of Italy's previous position, was quick to say that the status quo would be unacceptable.

The British ambassador thought that the entire countries had made such great sacrifices already that public opinion in those countries would not permit a return to the conditions existing before the war without some expiation by Germany for her terrible crimes.

The Belgian minister learned what his colleagues did about Mr. Lansing's personal opinions. And while governments are not bound by such expressions, nevertheless the conversations are telegraphed and cable to the foreign offices and usually afford an accurate forecast of the official attitude subsequently taken.

Peace Gospel Buzzes.
But some of the diplomats—for this was diplomatic day at the State Department, and the afternoon was buzzing with peace gospel—think that something may come out of the Pope's intervention, indeed that the discussion itself, whether or not it is begun by a rejection on the part of the allies of the Pope's terms, may lead to a pronouncement from Germany which will differ in character from anything that she has hitherto made.

These diplomats think Germany sees America's might about to be exerted, and had started some game that develops the mind, instead of starting in a game of body and muscles, his work would be just BEGINNING, and at forty-two he would be in the best part of his mental youth.

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The Pope's question which civilization—what remains of it—must answer and which the United States CAN answer is this:
"Is this civilized world to be nothing more than a field of death? And Europe, so glorious and flourishing, is it going as if stricken by a universal madness to run to the abyss and to lend its hand to its own suicide?"

WILL THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS GET HER?

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2 DEAD, 10 HURT, IN DOUBLE AUTO CRASH NEAR CITY

Two men were killed and at least ten others injured in the double automobile accident near T. B., Md., at 1 o'clock this morning.

One of the dead men is George Thomas, colored, of Leonardtown, Md. The other dead man is also a negro, but his identity has not yet been established. At an inquest held at T. B., at noon, both deaths were declared accidental.

List of Injured.
Injured persons brought to Washington were:
Lewis Deckelman, forty-six years old, of Leonardtown, at Providence Hospital, condition serious.
E. E. Hayden and George W. Joy, Jr., also of Leonardtown, at Providence Hospital, less seriously injured.
Albert Holley, colored, twenty-six, of 1725 W street northwest, at Casualty Hospital.
Parran Holley, colored, of 216 Maryland avenue northeast, at Casualty Hospital.

Four other negroes are believed to have been in the accident, but were not received at local hospitals.

The four white men, with Thomas, were returning to Leonardtown, when, three miles past T. B., their machine was ditched, throwing them out. Dr. Munroe, who lives near by, brought the four white men to this city, and the dying negro, Thomas, was placed in a big touring car containing eight other colored men, who passed at the time on their way back to Washington from a picnic in Charles county.

Plunges Into Creek.
The car containing the negroes had not gone more than 300 yards with Thomas when it plunged over the first bridge the other side of T. B., a distance of twenty feet to the creek which flows below.

The water was about a foot and a half deep, and six of the colored men succeeded in dragging themselves out. Thomas, already weak from the first accident, and the other colored man, whose body has not yet been identified, were dead when dragged out of the creek.

DYNAMITE BLAST HURTS 4.
NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A stick of dynamite exploded in new subway excavations near the Grand Central Station today, and seriously injured four workmen. One man may die.

2,000 Graduates Of Officers' Camps Assigned to France

More than 2,000 graduates from the first series of officers training camps have been assigned to go to France.

They will receive further intensive training there, and ultimately fill up the gap caused by promotions or casualties.

The assignments are from all camps, and other assignments will probably be made later.

CAPPER WANTS U. S. TO TAKE OVER MINES

Governor of Kansas Will Urge Idea
Before President.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Gov. Arthur Capper of Kansas, will leave Chicago tonight to make a personal appeal to President Wilson and the Federal Trade Commission to take over the coal mines of the country at once and establish "fair and impartial prices."

He made this statement to the interstate coal conference here this afternoon.

MODISTES LIMIT WOOL USE.
(By Agency Radio to the International News Service.)

PARIS, Aug. 16.—French dress-makers, inspired by patriotic motives, have decided to make no winter garments containing more than four yards of wool. They will employ silk as much as possible to aid the national industry of silk making.

YOU ARE INVITED
AND IT IS FREE TO EVERYONE.

BENNY LEONARD
LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

under the direction of the District War Service Commission and on the invitation of the Sporting Editor of The Washington Times will give an exhibition of boxing

AT THE MONUMENT GROUNDS
AT FIVE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

Readers of The Times and everybody else are invited. There is no admission charge. Everything will be free.

ADMITS HE SAID PRESIDENT UNFIT FOR WHITE HOUSE

Charged with defaming the President, a man who said he was Samuel Wallace Phillips, forty-nine years old, of 125 A street northwest, was arrested by Central Office Detectives Embury and Vermillion near the White House this afternoon.

Phillips, who was in the crowd which gathered to watch the pickets of the National Woman's Party make another effort to flash their "Kaiser Wilson" banners, is accused by the police of declaring that Wilson is not "a fit man to be in the White House" and that the "Kaiser is a white man."

At police headquarters Phillips admitted that he made the former statement, but denied that he said the Kaiser was a better man than the President or that he in any way threatened the President.

"Do you remember what you said just before you were arrested?" Phillips was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "I said Wilson was not a fit man to be in the White House having those women around there. Do you suppose Roosevelt would have had them there?"

"But didn't you say the Kaiser was a white man?" a detective asked him.

"Yes, I said he is a white man," Phillips retorted.

Asked if he meant, by his statement that the Kaiser was a better man than the President, Phillips replied that he did not think so.

Reporter For Times Has Interview With Prisoner

SISTER SAYS SNOWDEN LIED WHOLE STORY FABRICATION

Lanudress Denies Alleged Slay-
er Saw Her on Wednesday.
Brandon Neighbor Also Con-
tradicts Negro's Statements.

ANNAPOLIS, Aug. 16.—Refusing to shield John Snowden, her brother, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, Ruth Isaacs, a landress, this afternoon told detectives the prisoner lied when he said he saw her on Wednesday.

The sister's contradiction of Snowden's statement, first made by the

circumstantial evidence which now encompasses the prisoner.

Also Gives Him Lie.
Mrs. Florence Baker, who lives in the row of houses in which Mrs. Brandon resided, also gives the lie to Snowden, who not only says he saw her Wednesday, but went into details regarding the conversation he had with her. Mrs. Baker says Snowden's statement in so far as it relates to a conversation with her is entirely fictitious.

Snowden told the detectives that as he passed his sister's home on the way to a saloon Wednesday he stopped and talked with her and patted her two little children on the head. The sister says she did not see Snowden at any time Wednesday.

The prisoner also told the detectives that as he walked along Second street Mrs. Baker stopped him and inquired as to why he was not at work. He said that he replied that he had overslept himself and that Mrs. Baker admonished him to go to the ice house because her daughter, who is also employed there, had told her his services were very necessary.

Wholly Fabrication.
The negro told of further conversation with Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Baker said Snowden's story is wholly fabrication. She not only did not see him on Wednesday, but has not seen him since last December, when he delivered a load of coal to her.

Detectives say that these are merely two instances of false statements made by Snowden, and that they have proved a score or more assertions of his regarding his whereabouts and movements on Wednesday to be untrue.

**LLOYD GEORGE PRAISES
AMERICAN ENGINEERS**

LONDON, Aug. 16.—High tribute was paid to the American engineers who paraded through the streets of London yesterday, by Premier Lloyd George today.

"It was a thrilling spectacle, and moved us very much," said the premier. "It moved us because we knew the real significance of it; we knew that behind those fine fellows there is a nation of a hundred million that has not yet set its hand to any task it has not accomplished."

**ISHII SEES HARMONY
WITH U. S. IN FUTURE**

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 16.—Predicting that friendly co-operation will hereafter be the keynote of all relations between America and Japan, Viscount Ishii, head of the imperial Japanese war commission to the United States, today closed the formal program of the mission's entertainment on the Pacific coast.

Private entertainments will continue for a few days before the mission departs for Washington to deliver to President Wilson "a message of confidence, good will and cheer" from the Mikado.

Mrs. Humiston Sees Snowden in Cell

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 16.—Behind the grim walls of the Baltimore city jail, Valentine N. Brandon will come face to face today with Snowden.

Just before seeing Brandon, Snowden was faced by Mrs. Grace Humiston, who is working on the case for the Washington Times.

In granting Mrs. Humiston permission to see the prisoner, Marshal Robert Carter, of the Baltimore police department said he would be glad to have her help in proving the guilt or innocence of Snowden.

Mrs. Humiston Says:

It has been a pleasure to
work with men of the
character of Major Pullman
and the Washington police.

Calls Statement False.
Why Detective Dougherty should make such a deliberately false statement to a newspaper, I cannot imagine. For I never even intimated that I represented the New York police. I am a lawyer, and investigator, and as such am trying to solve the mystery of the murder of Mrs. Brandon.

As to the "amateur detective," it seems to me that Dougherty and some of his associates of the Baltimore police have played this part to perfection.

They failed to rope off the premises where the murdered woman was found—a precaution which, it seems to me any detective would have had the judgment to take. As a result scores of people were allowed to pass through the house and into the room where the crime was committed.

Further, they never knew that screams had been heard until I made inquiries. They didn't know that Mrs. King had heard screams, but when I saw her and talked with her she admitted to me that she had.

Treated Discourteously.
Dougherty and his associates have treated me with great discourtesy, and I cannot but note the marked contrast between these representatives of the Baltimore police force and the members of the Washington police with whom I have been thrown.

Major Pullman, Inspector Grant, and other members of the department have accorded me the greatest courtesy and have put forth every effort to aid me in my investigations. It has been a pleasure to work with men of such a high degree of intelligence and efficiency and who were so eager to render assistance.

The treatment accorded me by the Washington police was as courteous as that of Dougherty and his associates was discourteous.

I cannot believe that Dougherty is representative of the character of the Baltimore police. My investigations in New York have shown me that subordinates frequently do things that are far from being the desires of their responsible superiors.

To Tell Baltimore Chief.

I am going over to Baltimore today and shall make it a point to call on the chief of police there and tell him of the way I have been treated. I am sure he will be surprised.

I was particularly impressed by the new house of detention which has just been completed here, under the direction of Major Pullman. It is a model in every respect and is in marked contrast to the old buildings used before. Major Pullman's time. When I get back to New York I am going to ask Commissioner Wood to have the houses of detention all over the city run like the house here.

Admits Knows Witnesses.
"Do you know Mary Perkins?"

"I know her when I see her."
"She is a good girl isn't she? Does she associate with you?"
"Well, I know who she is."
"Why would she say you came out of the Brandon house if it wasn't so?"
"I don't know."
"Do you know Ethel Queen?"
"Yes, she is Mary Perkins' sister, and her husband—he's dead—was a

MAINTAINS INNOCENCE AND THINKS WILL BE FREE

Declares He Was Never in
Brandon Home and Insists
His Wife Is Lying About
Him and His Actions.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 16.—"I never was in Mrs. Brandon's house in my life. I only went by her house a week ago yesterday because I wasn't working, and was going a round-about way to Martin's saloon."

This statement was the outstanding feature of a thirty-minute interview which a Washington Times reporter had today with John Snowden, held for the murder of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, in Annapolis last week. The interview was the first obtained by a newspaper man since Snowden's arrest.

Nervous, But Insistent.
Sitting hunched up in a chair, facing his questioners, the negro reiterated his story of his actions on the day of the murder, repeatedly professing his innocence as he fingered his cap nervously.

"When was your face scratched?" he was asked.

"That happened a week ago Sunday, when I was fooling with Edna. (Edna Wallace is Snowden's common law wife.)"

"You did not get them Wednesday?"

"No."

Declares "Wife" a Liar.
"Did you hear Edna say she asked you on Wednesday night where you got those scratches?"

"Well, she never asked me such a question."

"Then she lied about you, did she?"

"Well, it ain't so."

"She is a liar then, is she?"

"Yes, she lied."

"But you and she had not quarreled and yet she is trying to get you in trouble by lying. How is that?"

"To this Snowden made no reply but continued to look sullenly at the floor."

"How do you think you're going to come out on this charge?"

"I got to come out all right. I ain't done nothing."

"But the police say they've got a strong case against you."

"They ain't. They can't find it. I never done it. They'll have it out pretty soon and turn me loose. I ain't scared. I never did it."

Never in House, He Says.
"Did Edna wash for Mrs. Brandon?"

"Sometimes."

"Did you ever take the washing home for her?"

"I never took any washing there at all."

"Whom did you see around Preacher Williams' home, next door to the Brandon home, when you went by there?"

"I saw Preacher Williams on his back porch. He was bending over like he was picking something off the floor."

"Was anyone on the front porch?"

"No, there was nobody there."

"You did not see Preacher Williams sitting out there with another colored preacher from Washington did you?"

"No, I didn't see anybody else around his house at all."

The Rev. Dr. Williams told the detectives in Annapolis that he and another preacher from Washington were on his front porch all morning the day of the murder. Snowden's statement is a direct contradiction to this.